

# How Do You Treat Your Family?

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1 Timothy 5:1-8

*How You Regard Others Reveals Your Own Heart*

## 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Your Spiritual Family (1-3)

### A. At salvation, you get a new family

**Romans 8:15–17** » ... you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” • The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, • and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ...

### B. Treat Christians like family

### C. Help Make the Family Healthy

**Hebrews 3:13** » • But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

**Hebrews 10:24–25** » • And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, •not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

**Ephesians 4:29** » • Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

### D. Pay particular attention to family in need

**Acts 6:1–6** » • Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.

**James 1:27** » « Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Your Earthly Family (4-6)

### A. We are to Imitate God's Love for Us

**Luke 19:8** » « And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.”

### B. Your Care for Older Family is Pleasing to God

**Mark 7:9–13** » « And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! » For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ » But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban” ’ (that is, given to God)— » then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, » thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

## 3. Glorify God by \_\_\_\_\_ for Others (7-8)

### A. Lack of love damages our reputation and hinders the gospel

**1 Peter 2:12** » « Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

### B. Christian love should exceed what the unsaved do naturally